

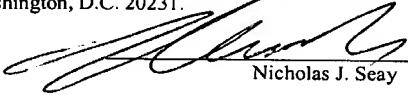


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14, and 29-36 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 15-19 and 28 and add new claims 41-49 as follows:

15. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, wherein the nucleic acid exhibits translational regulatory activity, provided that, if a native form of the nucleic acid comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, then the nucleic acid comprises two, or more than two regions having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

16. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 15, comprising nucleotides 1-16 of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

17. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 15, comprising nucleotides 10-24 of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

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